| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15. | Rajasthan | 0.0099 | 0.99 |
| 16. | Tamilnadu (f) | 0.0168 | 1.68 |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh | 0.0052 | 0.52 |
| 18. | West Bengal (g) | 0.0081 | 0.81 |
| 19. | Delhi | 0.0994 | 9.94 |
| | All India | 0.0128 | 1.28 |

(a) Including Daman, Diu, Dadar and Nagar Haveii.
(b) Including Lakshadweep (UT).
(c) Including Goa and Mumbai.
(d) Including Arunachal Pradesh Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
(e) Including Chandigarh.
(f) Including Chennai and Pondicherry (UT).
(g) Including Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Calcutta.

Note : For computing the per capita telephone connection, the population projection as on 1.3.96 from Registrar General of India has been taken.

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**Travel Agents**

4008. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Government officials are purchasing air tickets for touring within the country from the travel agents;

(b) if so, the policy of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter to save the public fund going into the hands of travelling agents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) As per the existing instructions Government officials on official tour are required to purchase tickets directly from Air India or Indian Airlines. In case, due to some unavoidable reasons, the help of a travel agency is required, the services of public sector travel agencies namely M/s. Ashok Travels and Balmer Lawrie are to be availed of. Cases where there are any specific difficulties in following these procedures are required to be brought to the notice of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for granting relaxation on the merits of each case.

**Inconvenience to Road Passengers**

4009. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that 8 Railway gates between Calicut and Cannanore in Kerala create bottleneck on the road transport that leads to great inconvenience to road passengers;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to build overbridges at these Railway gates;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has made any proposal to put up Railway gates at these points; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Kerala was advised to sponsor Road Over/Under Bridges at these locations which are within the criteria, for inclusion in Railway Works Programme. No such proposal has yet been received from the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Opening of Junior College at Bitragunta**

4010. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bitragunta is a railway town in Vijaywada of South Central Railway and a large number of railway workers are living in Bitragunta and more than 2000 school going children are there;

(b) if so, whether the children of the railway employees are experiencing difficulty in going to Nellore and Kavali for school and college studies;

(c) if so, whether there is a long pending demand for sanction of a junior college at Bitragunta for the benefit of the railway employees' children;

(d) if so, whether he has been urged to consider the demand of railway employees and sanction a junior college at Bitragunta; and

(e) if so, whether the Government have considered the demand and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Only 1651 Railway employees are posted at Bitragunta where two Railway High Schools are situated with a total strength of 1003 students.

(b) Approximately only 50 wards of Railway employees are going to Nellore and Kavali for higher studies.

(c) At present there is no demand from the Railway employees for setting up of a Junior College at Bitragunta.

(d) and (e) A demand was raised by the Hon'ble MP in the Consultative Committee of MPs for the Ministry